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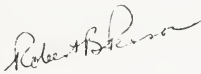
The *Interim Directory of Legislative Committees* was originally published by the Legislative Council each biennium simply as a list of members of interim study committees. However, there are many other legislative committees in existence, a listing of which seemed to be much in demand.

We have attempted to compile the names, membership, statutory or other citation, and purpose or mandate of each legislative committee that will be active over the next biennium. In addition, we have included the names and telephone numbers of staff.

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We hope you find the *Directory* useful, and we appreciate any comments or suggestions



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Please note that at this writing some interim subcommittees have not yet organized and elected chairmen and vice chairmen. This information will appear in the *Interim*, a newsletter that is published monthly by the Montana Legislative Council while the Legislature is not in regular session.

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Interim Study Subcommittees

Joint Interim Subcommittee on Welfare Reform

Study Resolution: HJR 53

HJR 53 requests an interim study of Montana's welfare, Medicaid, and general assistance system. The study committee is directed to analyze existing eligibility and benefits requirements; evaluate alternative methods of controlling costs of services; explore approaches in other states of providing cost-effective welfare, Medicaid and general assistance programs; and evaluate the experiences with work programs in Montana and other states. The resolution recognizes that such a study would be beneficial to the 51st Legislature if a constitutional amendment (Chapter 343, Laws of 1987) is approved by the electorate in November 1988, allowing the Legislature more discretion in determining welfare and human service benefits.

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Coordinated Study of Basic Education and Its Costs

Study Resolution: HJR 16

HJR 16 requests that the Board of Public Education, the Legislative Finance Committee, and a legislative interim study committee work together to establish a definition of basic education for Montana public schools; determine the cost of providing a basic education; and develop a fiscal note procedure that links education policies to the state budget process.

The Board of Public Education is requested to administer and coordinate a review of the adequacy of school accreditation standards. To address this mandate, the Board has initiated *Project Excellence: Designing Education for the Next Century*. The Legislative Finance Committee is to develop the cost components of the existing and proposed accreditation standards and to evaluate the state financing method for providing a basic education. The Joint Interim Subcommittee on Basic Education is directed to monitor and evaluate the Board's accreditation standards review and to consider any student performance expectations that may be linked to accreditation and school funding. The three groups are to coordinate their work to develop a fiscal note and budgeting system that provides articulation between the education policymakers and those responsible for balancing the state budget. The groups are to recommend to the 51st Legislature a definition of basic education and how such a basic education may be equitably funded.

The Joint Interim Subcommittee on Basic Education was also assigned the study in HJR 50, requesting an investigation of special education, including the federal and state special education mandates, services and service patterns, costs, revenue sources, and funding formulas. The resolution suggests that the Legislature has not reviewed the aforementioned aspects of special education for a number of years, and a comprehensive study at this time would dovetail with other studies of school finance issues during the interim.

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Statutory Citation: Title 5, Chapter 16, MCA

The Environmental Quality Council (EQC) is required to review and appraise state programs and activities related to the environment to ensure compliance with the Montana Environmental Policy Act (Title 75, Chapter 1, MCA). The EQC is composed of four House members, four Senate members, and four public members. A representative of the Governor's Office serves as a nonvoting member.

One of the Council's major interim projects will be the study of the relationship of forest management activities to watershed effects, mandated in HJR 49, Laws of 1987.

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Statutory Citation: Title 5, Chapter 13, MCA

The Legislative Audit Committee appoints a Legislative Auditor who, with a staff of about 60, audits the financial affairs of each state agency or other organization receiving state funds. The audit staff also conducts performance audits to test the efficiency and effectiveness of agencies in administering governmental programs and conducts electronic data processing audits to determine the efficiency and effectiveness of the state's computer resources.

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**Statutory Citation: Article XIII, Section 2, Montana
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Statutory Citation: Title 5, Chapter 11, MCA

The Legislative Council is Montana's general legislative services agency.

The Legislative Council provides management, legal research, accounting and code publishing services to the Legislature.

The Council

The eight members of the Legislative Council, four senators and four representatives, are chosen by the Committee on Committees in the Senate and by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Council is bipartisan, and the term of office is for a biennium. A new Council is selected before the 50th day of the first regular session of each biennium.

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The one nonadministrative policy study function assigned to the Council provides a legislative safety valve. The Council may in the event a problem demanding legislative attention arises during the interim, assign study of the problem to an appropriate study committee. Chapter 1, Laws of 1987 allows the Council to assign such a study to either a joint interim subcommittee or an appropriate statutory committee.

The Council may not approve or disapprove substantive portions or recommendations of any interim committee report.

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The staff of the Legislative Council acts as an independent nonpolitical impartial staff agency for the Legislature, performing those duties and functions assigned by law or as directed or requested by members and committees of the Legislature. The Council staff also provides information to the public in legislative matters

The staff is divided into four functional divisions: Legislative Services Division, Research and Reference Services Division, Legal Services Division, and Management and Business Services Division. Two additional divisions are activated during a legislative session: the Legislative Information Office and Legislative Printing and Distribution.

The Legislative Services Division is responsible for clerical preparation of introduced bills and for engrossing and enrolling of bills. This division uses a computerized word processing system in order to operate with a high degree of effectiveness and accuracy with a relatively small staff of copy editors, data entry operators, and proofreaders. The computerized word processing system is also used in the publication of the *Montana Code Annotated*. This division is also responsible for the compilation, publication, and distribution of the following: bill drafting record index, internal reference report *Rules of the Montana Legislature*, code sections affected list, *Daily Bill Status*, *Combined Final Status*, daily and final *Journals of House and Senate*, *Session Laws*, and text and annotations of the *Montana Code Annotated*.

The Research and Reference Services Division and the Legal Services Division have many of the same responsibilities. Both divisions perform general and specialized research and reference and information functions. Staff members from both divisions may staff legislative committees during the session and throughout the interim, draft legislation, prepare legislative

and staff reports, and provide information on the legislative process to the public. During the interim, the Legal Services Division is primarily responsible for publication and updating of the *Montana Code Annotated*. The Research Division has primary responsibility for staffing interim committees and providing reference services. The Research and Reference Services Division maintains a reference library containing items of special interest to legislators and legislative staff. The library maintains a liaison with other libraries to help make information available as quickly as possible.

In addition to the 3,420-page index to the *Montana Code Annotated*, the indexers also provide the subject index for all bills introduced during a legislative session, the *Journal Index*, *Legislative Review Index*, *Session Law Index*, *Bill Drafting Manual Index*, *Combined Final Status Index*, *Legal Research Memorandum Index*, and *Legislative Rules Index*. The indexers also prepare a list of legislation by sponsor and an LC number to bill number table. The indexes are updated during and after each legislative session.

The Code Commissioner supervises the continuing codification, indexing, rearranging, and general updating of the text and annotations of the *Montana Code Annotated*. *Annotations*, including case notes to federal and state court decisions and other materials useful to MCA users, are published separately from the section text in booklet format that may be easily updated.

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Administrative Code Committee

Statutory Citation: Title 5, Chapter 14, MCA

The Administrative Code Committee was established in 1975 as a permanent joint committee to review all proposed rules, amendments, and rule repeals filed with the Secretary of State under the Montana Administrative Procedure Act (Title 2, Chapter 4, MCA). The powers of the Committee are set forth in Title 2, Chapter 4, part 4, MCA. The Administrative Code Committee has also been given the duty to review all administrative rules adopted prior to the creation of the Committee in 1975 and to report to the Legislature on the results of the review (Chapter 64, Laws of 1983).

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Statutory Citation: Title 5, Chapter 18, part 2, MCA

The Coal Tax Oversight Subcommittee of the Revenue Oversight Committee was established on a biennial basis by Chapter 619, Laws of 1979. Chapter 695, Laws of 1983, made the Subcommittee permanent. The Subcommittee reviews programs financed by coal severance tax funds and considers other matters relating to coal taxation. The Subcommittee reports and makes recommendations to the Revenue Oversight Committee; however, members of the Subcommittee are not members of the Revenue Oversight Committee.

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Revenue Oversight Committee

Statutory Citation: Title 5, Chapter 18, MCA

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Committee on Indian Affairs

Statutory Citation: Chapter 522, Laws of 1987

The 1987 Legislature authorized a statutory Committee on Indian Affairs to continue the work of five previous interim legislative committees. This Committee has a budget of \$4,500 and will terminate upon the convening of the 51st Legislature in 1989. The Committee is directed to encourage participation of Indian people in Committee meetings, to act as an available liaison between the Indian people and the Legislature, to encourage tribal-state and tribal-local government cooperation, and to hold hearings to promote better understanding between the tribes and public agencies.

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Montana-Western Canadian Provinces Boundary Advisory Committee

Statutory Citation: Chapter 511, Laws of 1985; 1-13-101 to 1-13-111, MCA

The 1985 Legislature created a permanent advisory committee to strengthen understanding and cooperation between Montana government and citizens and the governments and citizens of the neighboring Canadian provinces with special emphasis on encouraging economic, cultural, and educational exchanges. The Committee is composed of the Governor or his designee as chairman, four members of the Legislature, and four executive branch members from agencies responsible for issues related to agriculture; water and natural resources; economic development, trade, and tourism; and research and education. The Committee may meet with an appropriate body representing the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan.

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Other Interim Committees

Legislative Reorganization and Improvement Commission

Statutory Citation: Chapter 573, Laws of 1987

The 1987 Legislature established a Legislative Reorganization and Improvement Commission to conduct a study of the legislative branch and its possible reorganization. The 12-member Commission consists of three members appointed by each of the following: the President of the Senate, the Senate Republican Floor Leader, the Speaker of the House, and the House Minority Leader. At least one person appointed by each legislative leader must be a person not currently serving in the Legislature.

The Commission was granted \$15,000 to supplement any federal or private funds available to conduct the study. If the funding becomes available, the Commission must hire a director, who may in turn hire staff and contract with consultants as needed. The Commission must report to the 51st Legislature no later than December 1, 1988.

Membership:

At the time of publication, members had not been appointed. Watch the Interim Newsletter for announcement of appointments.

Legislative Energy Policy Committee

Statutory Citation: Section 90-4-303, MCA

The Energy Policy Committee was established in 1979 to advise the Governor in developing provisions for allocation, conservation, and consumption of energy during conditions of energy supply alert or emergency.

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Water Policy Committee

Statutory Citation: Section 85-2-105, MCA

House Bill 680, as presented to the 1985 Legislature by the 1983-84 Select Committee on Water Marketing, recommended creation of this permanent Water Policy Committee, along with other revisions in state water policy, to maximize Montana's interests in the allocation and management of state waters.

The Water Policy Committee is directed to advise the Legislature on the adequacy of the state's water policy and of developments that affect Montana's water resources; oversee the policies and activities of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and other state agencies, as they affect the water resources of the state; and communicate with the public on matters of water policy. The staff of the Environmental Quality Council provides staff assistance to this Committee.

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Legislative Committee on University System Funding

Statutory Citation: House Bill 2, Laws of 1987

The 1987 Legislature authorized an eight-member legislative committee to study the current method of funding the Montana University System. The scope of the study will encompass a review of higher education expenditures and funding and an analysis of the adequacy and consistency of university financing. The committee is comprised of four members appointed by the Speaker of the House and four members appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees. The study will be coordinated by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst in conjunction with the Commissioner of Higher Education with active participation by the Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning. The Legislature appropriated \$150,000 to the various agencies participating in the study.

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Task Force on Telecommunication Technologies for Montana

Statutory Citation: HJR 58, Laws of 1987

HJR 58 urges the Commissioner of Higher Education to establish a task force on telecommunication technologies to study and coordinate the implementation of telecommunications and technology-based delivery systems for education, government, and the private sector in Montana. The task force is requested to evaluate the potential for joint projects; identify policy issues that may impede the implementation of a coordinated delivery system for telecommunication technologies; and consider other issues pertinent to the funding, implementation, use, governance, and development of telecommunications in Montana.

The task force consists of 11 members appointed in the following manner: two members of the Montana Legislature, one appointed by the Speaker of the House and one appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees; one member appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction; one member appointed by the Board of Regents; one member appointed by the Board of Public Education; and six members appointed by the Governor to represent various state agencies, the public, and private industries engaged in the delivery of telecommunication technologies. Specific funding for the study was not provided, but the task force may seek assistance from the staff of the persons or agencies that appointed members to the task force.

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At the time of publication, other members had not been appointed. Watch the Interim Newsletter for announcement of appointments.

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Legislative Liaison Committee for the Montana Lottery

Statutory Citation: Chapter 161, Laws of 1987

House Bill 374, which amended provisions for the Montana lottery approved by the electorate in November 1986, established a four-member legislative liaison committee to meet once each fiscal year with the Lottery Commission and to report to each Legislature on the activities and operations of the state lottery. No legislator who has any ownership interest in any gambling device or establishment may be appointed to the liaison committee. Members are compensated for travel and expenses from the administrative allocation of lottery proceeds.

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Interstate Cooperation Organizations

The Council of State Governments (CSG)

Statutory Citation: Title 5, Chapter 11, part 3, MCA

The Legislative Council is designated by 5-11-301, MCA, as the Montana Commission on Interstate Cooperation and, as such, as a member of the Council of State Governments, an organization of all the states and territories of the United States. The primary mission of CSG is to promote and strengthen state government in the federal system by providing staff services to organizations of state officials. Montana is a member of the Western Legislative Conference of CSG, representing the governing bodies of 13 western states. The purpose of the Conference is to foster and encourage intergovernmental cooperation in the West through joint consideration of common problems. The basic work of the Conference is accomplished through study committees.

The Legislative Council appoints legislators as delegates and alternates to CSG committees. The members serve two-year terms.

The Western Office staffs the Western Legislative Conference of CSG and several other affiliate organizations. State legislative staff also assist in the work of the Western Legislative Conference on a selective, time-limited basis.

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Montana Committee Membership 1987 - 1988 **Western Legislative Conference of Council of State Governments**

CSG Governing Board

This board provides overall direction of the Council's national organizational activities. Typically, two legislators from each state and jurisdiction are appointed to serve with their Governor and representatives of national associations of state officials. An annual governing board meeting directs

Council activities and provides a forum for discussion of substantive state issues.

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Executive Committee

This Committee establishes interim conference policy, recommends bylaws to implement conference rules, and oversees staff operations of the Western Office of CSG. The Committee represents the West in all national CSG organizational and policy matters. Each biennium the Committee determines priority issues within the region and establishes study committees to examine these issues.

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Water Policy

This Committee will address critical water issues in the West, including water rights, federal-state relations, cost sharing, water quantification and allocation, and water management.

Montana Members:

Water Policy Committee (*Members to be assigned as needed*)

Economic Development and International Trade

This Committee will consider the variety of ways in which western states are seeking to expand their respective economies. It will examine diversification strategies, international trade development, and business taxes and regulatory mechanisms.

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Health and Education

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Legislative Service Agency/Research Directors Advisory Committee

This Committee is comprised of state legislative service agency and research directors. The Committee provides advice and assistance to the Western Office in its research, issue analysis, and organizational activities. The directors annually select the western state "innovation projects" for CSG's national office. The Committee also serves as a clearinghouse for western legislative service agency and research directors on state legislative issues and operations of shared interest. The Committee meets twice a year.

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National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

Statutory Citation: None

The purpose of the National Conference of State Legislatures is to improve the quality and effectiveness of state legislatures, to assure the states a strong voice in federal decisionmaking, and to foster interstate communication and cooperation.

As the designated Commission on Interstate Cooperation, the Legislative Council has traditionally appointed the Montana members of NCSL committees. Traditionally, the Legislative Council appoints legislators as delegates and alternates to NCSL committees. The members serve two-year terms.

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Montana Committee Membership 1987 - 1988 National Conference of State Legislatures

Committees of the State-Federal Assembly

The State-Federal Assembly was formed to: 1) determine policies to guide lobby efforts and to encourage state legislative action before Congress; 2) provide legislators to testify before Congress; 3) provide legislators to serve on advisory panels; and 4) provide legislators to meet with White House and Executive Branch officials. Policy positions are developed through review and investigation by each committee.

Agriculture, Food Policy, and Rural Development

Domestic and foreign agricultural production and marketing; cost of agricultural production, prices, credit, and bankruptcies; federal and state farm programs; and soil, water, and forestry programs at state and federal levels.

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Education

The federal role in education; elementary and secondary education; vocational and adult education; postsecondary education; private education; education and training technology; education finance; and access and equity in education reauthorization.

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Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy

Energy conservation, exploration, and taxation; federal budget and block grants; geothermal, hydroelectric, shale, solar, and renewable energy issues; mining; natural gas; nuclear power and waste; settlement moneys; and utility issues.

Montana Members:

Legislative Consumer Committee (*Members to be appointed as needed.*)

Health and Human Resources

Aging issues and programs; food stamps; handicapped issues; health maintenance; hospital cost containment; human services programs; immigration and refugees; income security and maintenance; long-term care; medical assistance and care programs; children and youth; welfare programs; and reauthorization of various federal health programs.

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Assembly on the Legislature

The Assembly on the Legislature provides a forum for consideration of issues internal to state legislatures and state government. Members of the committees are automatically members of the Assembly. Both legislators and legislative staff are eligible for membership on the Assembly's committees. The Assembly and its committees meet approximately three times each year, including once at the NCSL annual meeting.

Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development

Regulatory reform; economic development; labor issues; small business; interstate banking.

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Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force

Statutory Citation: HJR 24, Laws of 1987

The Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force is a group of legislators from Alaska, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. Each session the Legislature is required to pass a resolution if it wishes to continue membership on this task force, which acts as a clearinghouse for information affecting the maintenance and utilization of forest lands in the West. House Bill 2, Laws of 1987, appropriated \$8,000 for participation in the task force.

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Five-State Legislative Conference

The Five-State Legislative Conference is an informal organization consisting of delegates from the legislative branches of the states of Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. The Conference meets biennially to facilitate cooperation, consultation, and exchange of information in state affairs of common concern. The Conference has created a livestock task force and a water task force to address current issues in these areas. Traditionally, whenever a conference or task force meeting is called, the Legislative Council is requested to select legislative members to attend on behalf of the state. House Bill 2, Laws of 1987, appropriated \$4,100 for conference attendance.

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